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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE PROGRAM: FY-74 IV MEDHANIE JOSEPH

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1. BPAO CALLED ATO MEDHANIE AT HIS HOME LAST NIGHT (APRIL 8)
PER REFTEL.
 2. MEDHANIE INTRODUCED SUBJECT OF GRANT, SAYING HE HAD BEEN
BUSY AND UNABLE VISIT BPAO'S OFFICE TO SIGN DSP66, AS HAD
BEEN PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON.
 3. BPAO SAID IN LIGHT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS HE SURE MEDHANIE
WOULD NOT WANT TO LEAVE ETHIOPIA UNTIL PROBLEMS CLEARED UP.
HE AGREED HEARTILY, ADDING HE HAD PLANNED TO CALL BPAO
SUGGESTING POSTPONEMENT UNTIL MATTERS SETTLED.
 4. IN LIGHT MEDHANIE'S QUICK AGREEMENT, BPAO TOUCHED ONLY
BRIEFLY ON USG POSITION AS OUTLINED REFTEL. MEDHANIE SAID
"I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE COMPLETELY."
 5. MEDHANIE VOLUNTEERED THAT IN HIS OPINION DEMANDS THAT HE
BE REMOVED STEMMED FROM...IN HIS WORDS..."FIVE TO SEVEN
PEOPLE WHO ARE PUSHING FOR MY REMOVAL FOR PURELY PERSONAL
REASONS." HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT HE WILL BE "TOTALLY
CLEARED IN NEXT FEW DAYS" TO SATISFACTION OF BOTH IEG AND USG
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AND THAT HE STILL HOPED TO ARRIVE IN THE US ON 22 APRIL TO BEGIN

HIS SCHEDULED TOUR, IF USG APPROVES.

6. MEDHANIE DID NOT INDICATE THAT IEG HAD CURTAILED HIS
MOVEMENTS IN ANY WAY. HE WAS QUIET BUT FIRM, AND APPEARED
CONFIDENT THAT HE WOULD KEEP HIS POSITION.
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